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 SUCH AS BAR CODES USING A SCANNED LASER BEAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation application of and claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/176,064, filed on October 20, 1998, <sup>now U.S. Patent No. 6,555,174 B2</sup> which is a continuation application of and claims priority to U.S. Application Serial no. 08/037,749, filed March 26, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,825,402.--

On page 7, after the first full paragraph, add the following paragraphs:

--Figure 2 is a portion of the block diagram of Figure 1 modified to illustrate the system used for reading and writing alphanumeric characters of text.

Figure 3 is a diagrammatic view of a hand held embodiment of the system.--

On page 11, line 5, after "scanner", insert --(e.g., as shown in Figure 3)--.

On page 11, line 6, delete "101".

On page 11, line 17, after "portable", insert --(hand held)--.

On page 11, line 18, after "read", insert --(Figure 3)--.

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